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SUBJECT: BRIEFING FOR ENGINEERS JOINT COUNCIL

1. ON SEPTEMBER 17 ARA/ECA AND OES OFFICERS MET WITH WARREN ALBERTS, PRESIDENT OF ENGINEERS JOINT COUNCIL (EJC), AND HIS ASSOCIATES TO DISCUSS OCT. 3-10 CONVENTION OF PAN AMERICAN FEDERATION OF ENGINEERING SOCIETIES (UPADI) IN RIO AND BRIEFING CONGEN HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE. EJC OFFICIALS

STRESSED THEIR SERIOUS INTEREST IN COOPERATING IN SECRETARY'S EFFORT TO STIMULATE FLOW OF TECHNOLOGY TO LATIN AMERICA THROUGH THE PRIVATE SECTOR. AS EJC MEMBERS INCLUDE ALL IMPORTANT U.S. ENGINEERING SOCIETIES, POTENTIAL EXISTS FOR IT TO SERVE AS USEFUL CONDUIT FOR ON-GOING TECHNOLOGY EXCHANGE. AS EJC'S THINKING IS STILL VERY PRELIMINARY, IT INTENDS TO USE UPADI CONVENTION AS SOUNDING-BOARD TO DETERMINE DEGREE OF INTEREST AMONG LATIN AMERICAN COLLEAGUES IN ITS CONCEPT. WE HAVE SENT VIA APO BACK-GROUND INFO ON EJC AND A BRIEF SUMMARIZING THE ORGANISATIONS THOUGHTS ON ROLE IT MIGHT PLAY IN TRANSFER OF UNCLASSIFIED

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TECHNOLOGY.

2. EJC PREFERS TO HOLD BRIEFING AT HOTEL NACIONAL ON AFTER-
NOON OF OCT. 3, FIRST DAY OF CONVENTION; WE NOTED THAT

SUNDAY MIGHT PRESENT SCHEDULING PROBLEM FOR CONGEN, AND
ALBERTS AGREED THAT BRIEFING AT HOTEL ON MONDAY, OCT. 4
WOULD ALSO BE ACCEPTABLE. REQUEST CONGEN INFORM US ASAP
WHICH DATE AND HOUR IS PREFERABLE.

3. EJC WOULD LIKE A GENERAL BRIEFING ON ECONOMIC SITUATION
IN BRAZIL, WITH EMPHASIS ON US-BRAZIL ECONOMIC RELATIONS.
IN VIEW EJC INTEREST, CONGEN SHOULD ALSO COMMENT ON
POSSIBILITIES FOR TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY; IN THIS REGARD
WE UNDERSTAND THAT GEORGE PEASE HAS RECENTLY DONE
RESEARCH IN THIS AREA UNDER CONTRACT TO AID AND MIGHT BE
WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BRIEFING. WE UNDERSTAND
HIS RIO ADDRESS IS ANITA GARIBALDI 43/101.

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